

# Africa Inland Mission's Prayer Sheets

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## Who are the Dorobo people?

The Dorobo are not actually a single people group, but a diverse group of peoples descended from the ancient San people who originally settled in the Rift Valley around 1000 AD and lived as hunter-gatherers. The name 'Dorobo' comes from the Maasai word 'Il-torobo' for 'the ones without cattle.' They live in Kenya's highland forests collecting honey and hunting wild animals with poison arrows and spears. They are also known as the Ogiek.

## What do they believe?

The Dorobo maintain various forms of traditional animistic religion. Some groups refer to God as 'Tororr' meaning 'very high', whilst others have a range of different names for God. Until 1991 the Dorobo were unreached by Christianity and were barely touched by the outside world. Now, the gospel has been presented in various ways including through radio broadcasts. However, the lack of Christian literature and resources in their heart language, poses a major challenge.

## What is being done to reach them?

The pastoral nature of the Dorobo, combined with the fact that they exist in so many diverse groups, makes reaching them extremely difficult. Assessment is now ongoing to evaluate how many Dorobo groups require literature of their own. AIM missionaries are working with local Dorobo people and churches with the vision of seeing Dorobo evangelising other Dorobo peoples. There are now over 25 trained Dorobo pastors, with six more in Bible college. Over thirty churches have been planted.

Where hunting has been banned, the Dorobo earn a living by keeping bees.



Many older Dorobo men are alcoholics, addicted to honey wine.



There are now churches among the Dorobo lead by local pastors.



Traditionally, the Dorobo hunt with a bow and arrow.



Christ-centred churches among all African peoples



## Give thanks:

- \* For Dorobo pastors serving among the scattered Dorobo churches. Pray for boldness and wisdom for these pastors as they seek to disciple young Christians and give vision to the churches they lead.
- \* That many young men have become Christians and are eager to know more about the gospel.
- \* For pastor's wives who also have a strong faith and who are able to encourage and get alongside women among the Dorobo communities.

## Please pray:

- \* That the power and importance of honey wine would be broken among Dorobo communities. Many of the older men and women get very drunk at circumcision ceremonies. Pray that they would develop a thirst for God's word that is stronger than their craving for honey wine.
- \* For the safekeeping of the Dorobo pastors as they travel many miles by motorbike to reach remote communities.
- \* For six Dorobo men who are currently studying at Bible college. Pray that they will be filled with God's word and Spirit so they can go back and lead their churches well and share their knowledge with their congregations.

## Who are AIM?

**Africa Inland Mission** is a missionary organisation that helps churches send gospel workers to work amongst African people. **TIMO (Training In Ministry Outreach)** is a two-year cross-cultural training programme to equip people for a lifetime of ministry.

If you are interested in going yourself, giving to help send gospel workers or want more prayer info, please feel free to contact us.

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